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SECURITY INFORMATION
REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenwalde

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 June to 8 July 1953

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REMARKS

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1. At 4 p.m. on 17 June 1953, martial law was declared in Fuerstenwalde. The railroad station, bridges and administration buildings were occupied by major guard details. T-34 tanks took position in the main street. [redacted]

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Numerous trucks occupied by troops [redacted] patrolled the town. [redacted]

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On 18 June, the tanks were withdrawn to the barracks installation on Gartenstrasse. The military installations in Fuerstenwalde were cordoned off. On 20 June, the sentries and patrols in the streets had been reduced to about half their strength. On 25 June, martial law was lifted. Prior to 8 July, the barracks installation on Gartenstrasse was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. Prior to 7 July, source did not observe any training in the installation or the training area. At about 7 p.m. on 22 June, 10 trucks carrying billeting equipment entered the installation.

[redacted] During the night on 23 June, a motorized unit entered the installation. The noise of motor vehicles was heard for several hours. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 8 July, source, for the first time after the disturbances, determined training soldiers at the large drill grounds. About 200 soldiers, organized in groups of about 20 men and armed with carbines and submachine guns, practiced advancing by bounds.

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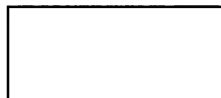
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Comment. According to the information on the occupation strengths and arrivals of troops, the two installations, between 20 and 24 June, were occupied by troops

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belong to the 7th Gds Mecz Div and fairly definitely came from the Lieberose troop training grounds. They appeared to be still at the post on 8 July. It, therefore, is assumed that they, for security reasons, were to stay at their post for an undetermined period of time, as was observed with the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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